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Wishes to thank its many patrons for the royal good will and patronage so generously shown during the last few months.

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TIME TABLE.

In effect November 28, 1899.

Leave Ypsilanti	Leave Ypsi. Jct.	Leave Salfine
A. M. 6:45		A. M. 7:30
8:15		9:00
9:45		10:30
11:15		12:00
P. M. 12:45		P. M. 1:30
2:15		3:00
3:45		4:45
5:45		6:50
7:15		8:45
9:35		10:30
11:15		11:55

A special car will be run from Ypsilanti at 12:45 a. m. on the arrival of the opera car from Detroit, for special parties of ten or more, on short notice and without extra charge.

Weigh your coal on the city scales. Rear of Curtis Shep.

TIGHTNESS OF MONEY

Can Never Be Prevented, No Matter How Much Cash Is in Circulation.

LONG AS THERE IS SPECULATION

Money Will Be "Short" for Those who Cannot Pay What They Owe—Some Remarks on an Interesting Subject by the Director of the Mint, Who Explains the Process of Making Money "Tight"—Supply of Gold.

Washington, Dec. 27.—George E. Roberts, the director of the mint, was asked yesterday as to whether the present monetary stringency, in his opinion, signified an actual scarcity of money to meet the present requirements of trade. He said: "No possible supply of money can prevent stock exchange panics or periods of monetary stringency, because speculation and rising prices will absorb any possible increase until the pressure for ready cash is just as great upon the new plane as it was upon the old. The cry for more money is as unappeasable as the demand for more wealth. A new supply, instead of satisfying the demand, stimulates it. Men want money to buy things with—good things that they think are going higher. Given easy money in the banks and we have



GEORGE E. ROBERTS.

bankers encouraging borrowers. As a result stocks go up, and as they go up more people want to buy and so the demand for money increases.

CANNOT SUPPLY MONEY FAST ENOUGH.

"You can't furnish money fast enough to meet the demand of all who would like to borrow while prices are going up, nor could all the gold and silver mines in the world together keep prices going up forever. A marvelous era of increasing money stocks began in 1850 and started a period of speculation which ended with a grand world wide smash in 1857, when even the bank of England had to suspend payment, without any decline in production and with the mints everywhere open to both gold and silver. The real secret of these reactions is in speculation on margins.

EXPLAINS SOME FEATURES OF THE CASE.

"These people who are crying that they have been forced to throw away their property had never paid for their holdings. They borrowed money on call to make small payments, hoping that a right turn in the market would give large profits. But in that class of operations losses come as easily as profits. That is one of the conditions of the game. When they have profits they call it prosperity, but when they have losses they think the country has come to a standstill and want to know who is to blame. Nothing has happened, except that they have been asked to pay what they owe.

SPECULATION THE CAUSE OF IT ALL

One Thing That Is Impossible—An Appetite That Cannot Be Satiated.

"It is impossible to do away with such speculation by any increase in the money supply. If a stock selling at \$100 per share has an advance of \$10 the investor who owns it outright makes but 10 per cent, while the speculator who has up on ya margin of \$10 makes 100 per cent. That is the secret of marginal trading. In short, it is not legitimate business that causes the enormous inflation of credits, multiplies bank reserves required, and thus absorbs any possible money stock. Speculation—greed—will inevitably do it, as it is obviously impossible to satisfy that appetite it is absurd to point to a tight money market as a proof of an insufficient supply of money.

"Undoubtedly the war in the Transvaal has had influence upon our money market. Anything that disturbs normal conditions—which turns the currents of business out of the course they have been expected to follow—will affect business. With trade balances as they are our bankers early in the season had reason to expect gold imports this fall, and probably directed their business accordingly. The war has not only cut off a remittance of about \$2,000,000 per week to London from South Africa, but compelled heavy shipments the other way. Such a reversal of the regular and anticipated order makes money tight in all centers until affairs are readjusted to the new condition.

"The world does not depend upon the Transvaal for its stock of gold. Colorado will produce more gold in 1900 than all North America yielded ten years ago, and this contingent will yield more next year than the whole

world did ten years ago. Cripple Creek is up to the record of the Transvaal five years ago and Cripple Creek, with Alaska and the Klondike, will next year exceed the Transvaal production of 1897. The golden tide, though checked for a moment, is not going to subside."

THREE BOATS THAT ARE SAFE.

Harbor Beach, Mich., Dec. 27.—The boats John B. Lyon, City of Rome and Columbia, fears for whose safety have been felt have arrived here safely and cleared.

DEPOSITS OF NATIONAL BONDS.

As Security for Internal Revenue Receipts

Foot Up \$17,000,000.

Washington, Dec. 27.—It was stated at the treasury yesterday that the total amount of bonds which have been deposited and accepted by the secretary as security for internal revenue receipts to be deposited with national bank depositaries is \$17,000,000, of which \$11,000,000 has been deposited by New York banks. Among the other cities making deposits are the following: Chicago, \$600,000; St. Louis, \$1,366,000; Boston, \$1,000,000; Baltimore, \$245,000; Cincinnati, \$375,000; Pittsburgh, \$215,000; Minneapolis, \$100,000; New Orleans, \$100,000; Buffalo, \$300,000; Richmond, Va., \$100,000; Norfolk, Va., \$100,000; Detroit, \$100,000; Indianapolis, \$60,000. The entire list foots up thirty-one banks, located in fifteen different states.

The total receipts from internal revenue sources are distributed each day among all the banks represented in the list, each bank receiving its proportionate share of the whole upon the basis of the amount of bonds deposited by each as security. It is stated further that the total amount of bonds purchased by the government under the secretary's recent order was: Fours, \$14,244,050; fives, \$4,900,300; total, \$19,234,350, with about \$35,000 additional still under examination.

LAUNDRY HEATER EXPLODES.

Racine, Wis., Dec. 27.—The large heater in the laundry and washroom at the Racine college exploded Monday night, wrecking the room and breaking glass and furniture in the rooms upstairs. Portions of the building then took fire and for a time it looked as if the building would be burned. The damage will amount to about \$1,000. It is not known what caused the explosion.

TOOK TOO MUCH ACONITE.

Rhineland, Wis., Dec. 27.—James Manning, a camp foreman for the Flambeau Lumber company, died at Lac du Flambeau from the effects of a large dose of aconite which he took by mistake. He wanted to cure a cough which troubled him and thought the aconite was cough medicine. The aconite had been used to doctor horses.

The Knights of the White Cross has just been organized with headquarters in Columbus, to care for the sick and bury the dead.

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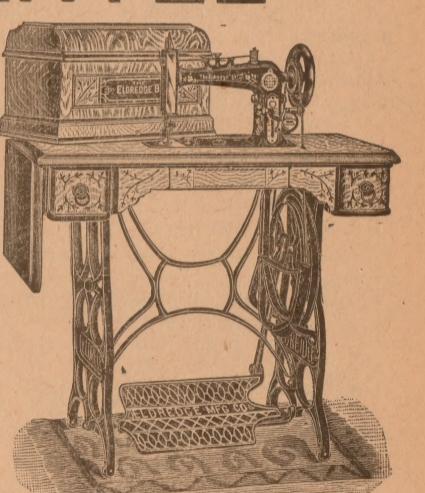
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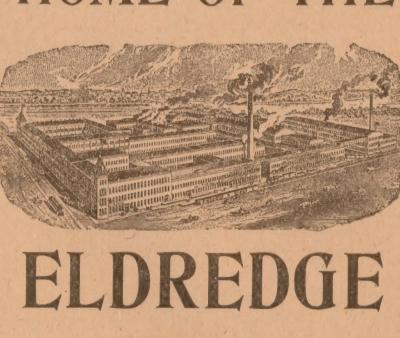
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WILL TAKE A MONTH

To Pass the Gold Standard Bill
Through the Senate, Fairbanks Figures.

WILL BE TAKEN UP RIGHT AWAY

Expansion to Be Discussed Also, and To Be a Leading Issue Next Year. According to the Senator's Opinion—Chairman Jones, at a Gathering of Minnesota Democrats, Gives Prominence to the Same Issue—Iowa Senatorial Fight.

Indianapolis, Dec. 27.—Senator Charles W. Fairbanks arrived home yesterday and gave the following interview outlining the senate programme and commenting upon national questions. He said: "The first thing after the holiday recess will be the consideration of the currency bill. This matter will be taken up on Jan. 4, and there will in all probability be a month of debate on the question of its passage. It will not take longer than that, however, and the bill will pass the senate beyond all doubt. After that there may be some discussion about the Philippine question if the resolutions of Senator Hoar receive attention. However, the opportunity of discussing this question will be given during the next presidential campaign, as it will be one of the leading questions. The phase of the question which will receive attention at the hands of the senate will be as to the best way to immediately cease hostilities and bring the islands under the subjugation of the United States. The question of annexation will come up afterward and will be discussed by the people at large during the next campaign."

Investigation of the Roberts Case.

The investigation of the Roberts case is in the hands of the court appointed for the purpose and, the final decision will likely be made in the near future. There can be but one outcome, and that is that he will be instructed to return to the state of Utah.

"Has the dispute between the United States and England concerning the Alaskan boundary been settled yet?"

"This matter is still unsettled and negotiations are still pending between the two countries. Just what definite shape the matter will assume is not easily determined."

Fairbanks said the sentiment in favor of retaining the Philippines is very strong in Washington and it is regarded as one of the most important of the issues for the coming presidential campaign. He thinks the money question will be one of the issues, but not the most important.

GATHERING OF DEMOCRATS.

Chairman of the National Committee Discusses the Philippine Question.

St. Paul, Dec. 27.—Senator J. K. Jones, chairman of the Democratic national committee; ex-Vice President Adlai Stevenson, and General P. Watt Hardin, of Kentucky, were here yesterday and in the afternoon met a large gathering of local Democratic leaders. After greetings Senator Jones spoke at some length announcing his views of current political issues. He said: "I believe that every people has a right to govern themselves in their own way. The American people will rise up as one man and condemn the course of the administration as criminal aggression. The next Democratic convention will reaffirm the Chicago platform and nominate Bryan. It will declare against trusts. It will declare for establishing freedom everywhere. What our fathers believed in we believe in, and I have no doubt about the result."

"My idea about the Philippines is to restore order there and then allow those people to make a government of their own and let them manage their own affairs in their own way. The government of the United States should say to the Filipinos now that our purpose is to establish peace. We should treat the Filipinos with the same good faith as the Cubans. Whether we will keep that.

The Boers by their resistance are making votes for us with every rising and setting of the sun. Our sympathy goes out to those poor fellows in a way that words cannot express."

Ex-Vice President Stevenson and General Hardin also spoke along the same lines, all being optimistic of Democratic success.

Senator Fight in Iowa Resumed.

Des Moines, Ia., Dec. 27.—Contrary to general expectations the senatorial fight is to be resumed in earnest this week. The prominent leaders, after spending Christmas at home, began pouring into town again yesterday and are now here in force. The candidates for speaker of the house, Eaton and Bowen, came in last night. J. W. and J. E. Blythe, managers of Senator Gear's fight, are here, and their lieutenants are coming on every train. Both sides say the fight will be resumed in earnest and be kept up to the end. Both sides express the same confidence as heretofore in the election of their respective senatorial candidates, Gear and Cummins.

Marcus Pleads Self-Defense.

Chester, Ills., Dec. 27.—"Doc" Marcus, who is in jail here for killing Harry Somers, says he did it in self-defense. Marcus says he entered the gaming room about 3:30 in the afternoon in company with a friend and that Somers knocked him down, and in rising he drew a revolver from his hip pocket and shot Somers twice, killing him instantly.

She Was Married by Proxy.

New York, Dec. 27.—Justa Delgado, the only daughter of a once wealthy Cuban, living in the Cienfuegos district, was married 19 years ago by proxy, and the man who took her husband's place at the wedding ceremony was her brother. These facts came out on the trial of the suit for absolute divorce.

Size of the Lawton Fund.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Adjutant General Corbin's list of subscriptions to the Lawton home fund aggregated \$15,000 at noon yesterday. The committee announces that the subscription lists will be kept open until Jan. 5 next, when the money will be banked and placed to Mrs. Lawton's credit.

DEADLOCK IN PROSPECT.

Michigan House and Senate to Disagree on the Tax Question.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 27.—The indications are that when the legislature reconvenes today the two houses will get into a deadlock over the proposed amendments to the taxation provisions of the constitution to be submitted to the people next fall. The house has passed the governor's proposition without a word of debate or a moment's consideration. The special senate committee has completed the preparation of a substitute which makes radical changes in the resolution passed by the house.

The house bill proposes amendments which put it in the power of the legislature to tax corporate property at any rate it sees fit, regardless of the rate paid by other classes of property. It also provides for no equalization of the valuation of corporate property. The senate substitute is designed to correct both of these alleged defects. Six of the nine votes needed in the senate to defeat the house resolution are pledged, while there are five doubtful votes to work on. Unless the house yields there is small hope that any amendment will be submitted.

UNREASONABLE DOINGS.

Disgraceful Row in a Church Caused by a Dark Joke.

Indianapolis, Dec. 27.—At a Christmas festival held in a country church a few miles from Shelbyville quite a rumpus resulted from one woman dropping a couple of small negro doll babies in another woman's lap. The second woman construed that act into an insult and resented it so bitterly that her friends championed her. Almost the entire gathering soon became involved in a serious quarrel.

From words they came to blows, the altercation finally ending in a free fight. No one was killed, but several persons are reported injured. No names are given and the woman who dropped the black dolls explains that she did not mean to insult her friend; that it was all simply intended for a joke.

ONLY NEEDED THAWING OUT.

Coroner Makes a Long Trip into the Country for Nothing.

Eau Claire, Wis., Dec. 27.—Coroner Kortsch and Dr. Selbach, in response to a telephone call from Rock Falls, drove thirteen miles in the country to hold an inquest on Michael Khilo, a Bohemian laborer, aged 60. He had been in an open field from midnight till 7 o'clock, and was supposed to have been frozen to death.

The coroner and doctor found him laid out stiff at the Widow Tomasek's farm house, but Khilo thawed out and sat up just before the inquest began. The doctor and coroner worked over him till he was fully restored, and he will probably recover. It is said he had fallen in a fit on his way home.

Died on Christmas Day.

Fond du Lac, Wis., Dec. 27.—Paul J. Fritz, one of the best known young men of this city, died Christmas morning at the home of his sister in this city. He had been ill with consumption for several months, but at no time during that period did he realize that he was in the clutches of that dreaded disease.

Picked Up Frozen in the Street.

Green Bay, Wis., Dec. 27.—A man by the name of Frank Roalt was picked up on Main street Monday in a serious condition. His hands and feet were frozen and a number of bad gashes were in his head. He was taken to the general hospital. How he received his injuries is a mystery.

Thirty-Three Head of Five Stock Burned

Oshkosh, Wis., Dec. 27.—Nineteen horses and fourteen cattle perished in a barn which burned near Eureka yesterday morning. The cattle were stanchioned and were unable to make their escape. The barn belonged to Charles Floyd, a wealthy farmer in the town of Rushford.

Brook at St. Augustine.

Washington, Dec. 27.—General Brooke, who arrived at St. Augustine, Fla., yesterday from Cuba, is not coming north at once, but it is expected will stop at St. Augustine or some other convenient southern resort for a time in order to avoid a sudden climatic change.

Bridgeport's Fatal Indiscretion.

A queer case of cannibalism is reported as having recently taken place in the Solomon Islands. The Jeannette took from Noumea a Kanaka who had acted as orderly to the immigration office there and was on his honeymoon with his wife, intending to land at Aoba, where his wife's tribe lives. He, however, made the mistake of disembarking among the wrong tribe and was at once seized by the natives, overpowered, killed and eaten.

The widow was provided by the tribe with a second husband.—London Mail.

Saved Two Cents.

Mr. Pneer—You expect to be in San Francisco next week? By the way, you know where my aunt out there lives. I have just written a letter to her. Would you mind delivering it some day as you pass the house?

Mr. Pneer—Friend—No; but I might forget it. I think I'll just put a stamp on it and drop it into the first letter box.

Mr. Pneer—All right. I don't care how you get it to her.—Chicago Tribune.

The Great Debate.

When the uncertainty had become well nigh intolerable, Science ventured to go to the Serpent directly.

"Is it or is it not a fact, O serpent," asked Science, "that you swallow your young when you are attacked?"

"Well, I always try to hold my own," replied the Serpent modestly, "it is true, but evasively withal."

And so the bitter controversy wages on.—Detroit Journal.

St. Louis Subscribes \$1,200.

St. Louis, Dec. 26.—Charles Parsons, who was selected to receive and forward money donated to the Lawton fund, has telegraphed \$1,200 to Adjutant General Corbin as the result of the first day's subscriptions. Most of the sums subscribed were in amounts of \$50 and \$100.

TALK OF FENIAN RAID

Not Given Much Credence by the Authorities at the National Capital.

PAUNCEFOTE HAS NOT ACTED YET

British Officials Probably Watching All the Moves That Promise to Amount to Anything—Their Probable Course—United States Will Act Promptly When Anything Develops—The Raid of 1866 Invasion Story from Dunkirk, N. Y.

SEEMS TO TELL A PIPE TALE

Woman at 'Frisco Relates a Story That Looks Like a Romance.

San Francisco, Dec. 27.—A woman who gave her name as Mary Ford was picked up on the sidewalk in front of her house yesterday morning and sent to the Central police station on a charge of drunkenness. While waiting for the patrol wagon the woman told the arresting officers that her husband, John L. Ford, had murdered a woman by the name of Mary Flaherty, in Pittsburg, Pa., about nine years ago, and that he had never been arrested for the crime.

The police were inclined to discredit the story and attribute it to liquor, but the woman was so insistent that they decided to investigate. On entering the house they say they found the husband dressing, as if preparing to leave, and as he refused to answer any questions or to make a statement of any kind, they sent him to the station. The police say they will hold him until inquiries can be made of Pittsburg.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 27.—Nothing is known here of the murder of a woman named Flaherty by John L. Ford nine years ago. The files of the police and coroner show no record of the alleged crime.

SIoux CITY AND NORTHERN

Will Pass into the Control of the Great Northern Dec. 31.

Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 27.—The Sioux City and Northern railway, from Garretson, S. D., to Sioux City, a road of checkered career, but a money maker, will pass from the hands of the receivers to the control of the Great Northern railway system. The intentions of James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern, regarding it contemplate some radical changes.

The Sioux City and Northern, the Sioux City and Western, to O'Neill, Neb., and two lines which are now part of the Great Northern system proper, will be consolidated, and made the southern branch of the Great Northern, as the Eastern Minnesota lines have been consolidated for convenience into the Eastern Railway of Minnesota, and the northern lines have been consolidated into the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba.

John Bull Keeping Eyes Watch.

It is suggested that the explanation for this attitude, is a preference on the part of the British to deal with such persons as may enlist here for the Boer army after they leave the boundaries of the United States. And it is not doubted that all of these movements that really promise to amount to anything are being carefully watched with a view to catching the volunteers at some convenient point by a fleet cruiser.

WHEN UNCLE SAM DOES ACT.

IT WILL BE SHARPLY AND PROMPTLY—THE RAIDERS OF 1866.

Should it turn out that a Fenian movement of the kind alleged to exist is actually discovered, and brought to the attention of the United States government, sharp and prompt repressive action will be taken, not only to prevent the violation of the neutrality laws, but also to save the raiders themselves from such consequences of their actions as befell the unfortunate Fenian raiders of 1866.

THE MARKETS.

Chicago Grain and Produce.

Chicago, Dec. 26.

Following were the quotations on the Chicago Board of Trade today:

	Wheat	Open	High	Low	Closes
December	\$65 1/2	\$66	\$65 1/2	\$65 1/2	\$65 1/2
May	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2
July	70 1/2	70 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2
Corn	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
December	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
January	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2	30 1/2
May	33	33 1/2	32 1/2	33	33
Oats	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
December	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
May	23 1/2	24	23 1/2	23 1/2	23 1/2
Pork	—	—	—	—	—
December	—	—	—	8 85	8 85
January	10 05	10 05	10 02	10 02	10 02
May	10 42 1/2	10 42 1/2	10 35	10 35	10 35
Lard	—	—	—	—	—
December	5 50	5 50	5 47 1/2	5 47 1/2	5 47 1/2
May	5 75	5 75	5 67 1/2	5 67 1/2	5 67 1/2
Short ribs	—	—	—	—	5 20
December	5 27 1/2	5 27 1/2	5 25	5 25	5 25
January	5 27 1/2	5 27 1/2	5 25	5 25	5 25
May	5 50	5 50	5 42 1/2	5 42 1/2	5 42 1/2
Butter	Extra creamery, 25 1/2¢ per lb.; extra dairy, 22¢; packing stock, 16@16 1/2¢; eggs, 8 1/2¢@9¢ per lb.; fair to good, 8@8 1/2¢; chickens, hens, 6 1/2¢; springs, 7¢; ducks, 7 1/2¢; geese, 7 1/2¢. Potatoes—Fair to choice, 40@45¢; sweet potatoes—Illinois, \$2.50@3.00 per brl. Apples—\$1.50@2.00 per brl. Cranberries—Cape Cod, \$6.00@6.75.				
Chicago Live Stock	—	—	—	—	—
Hogs	Estimated receipts for the day, 12,000. Sales ranged at \$3.40@3.90 for pigs, \$3.95@4.22 for light, \$4.00@4.10 for rough packing, \$4.00@4.30 for mixed and \$4.10@4.30 for heavy packing and shipping lots.				
Cattle	Estimated receipts for the day, 8,500. Quotations ranged at \$6.25@6.90 for choice to extra steers, \$6.20 for good to choice do., \$4.80@5.45 for fair to good do				

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Local News.

Mrs. A. A. Parsons is the guest of her parents in Lansing

Miss Vada Shaw is spending the week with relatives in Dundee.

Benjamin Chambers, from Illinois, is visiting old friends in the city.

Mrs. Sidney Fisher, of Ann street, is the guest of relatives in Union City.

Miss Marie Frederick is visiting relatives in Traverse City for a few days.

Mrs. F. E. Pilbeam is entertaining her sister, Miss Hannah Denney, of Ionia.

Fred Pease jr. of Toronto, was a recent visitor with his parents in the city.

Herbert Gleason, of Chicago avenue is entertaining his parents from Saline.

Mrs. John Smith is entertaining her daughter, Miss Matilda Smith, of Grand Rapids.

Phoenix Lodge, No. 13, F. & A. M. will install their recently elected officers this evening.

Robert Shier, of St. Louis, Mo., is spending the holidays with his parents in the city.

Miss Alice Lowden, of Ypsilanti, who has been teaching in St. Johns, is home for the holidays.

Miss Phebe Denton, of Washington street, has left for a week's visit with her parents in St. Johns.

Fred Swift has left for a trip to New Orleans, which he will travel on a private car with a college chum.

R. L. Towner, of Aberdeen, S. Dakota, is visiting at the home of Mrs. Cornelia Sevey, of Washington street.

Mrs. Cundiff, of Cross street, is entertaining her daughter, Mrs. C. E. Richmond, of Sault St. Marie.

The children of the Presbyterian church hold their annual Christmas festival in the chapel tomorrow evening.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Stoup have been spending a few days with their son Dr. W. H. Stoup, of Monroeville, Ohio.

The high school foot ball team are in receipt of the gorgeous, red and green sweaters which they recently ordered.

John Dodge instructor in music at the Hillsdale College, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Dodge.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist church will meet in the church parlors, Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The children of the Methodist Sunday school will hold their annual supper and Christmas festival in the church tomorrow evening.

The city engineer reports that in Ypsilanti there are 8 miles of sewer pipes and 13 miles of water mains; while the city uses 1,300 water taps.

Mr. and Mrs. John Goodspeed, of Grand Rapids, are visiting Mr. Goodspeed's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herschell Goodspeed, of Pearl street.

Who can beat this? John O. Baxter of 445 Harriet street had watermelons for Thanksgiving and Christmas, nearly as nice as when picked from the vines, in watermelon time, and expects to have some on New Years also, all from his own garden.

The children's Christmas Festival in connection with St. Luke's church will be held to-morrow night in the church at 7 o'clock. The service will consist of the singing of carols, a short report of the Sunday School and short addresses by the Superintendent and from the Rector. Afterwards the annual Christmas tree will be held in the church house at 8 o'clock.

The passing of the year 1899 will be celebrated in the First Presbyterian church next Sunday morning and evening. A cordial invitation is given to our citizens, if not attending elsewhere. Morning worship at 10:30, with sermon on "The retrospect of the year." Pleasant Sunday evening hour at 7:30 with sermon on "The recompense of the year." Sunday School, 12 m. Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30 in the evening. The people's service, Wednesday evening, 7:30 to 8:30.

A few days before Christmas the Telegram related the troubles of a certain Ypsilanti real estate agent in securing an umbrella to present as a Christmas gift to a friend; the item being that three expensive umbrellas were purchased one after the other and through unavoidable accidents as quickly broken. The gentleman now informs the Telegram that he persevered in his quest, secured a fourth article and sent it on its way; after having placed in its folds the account of his mis-haps as printed in the Telegram.

The following incident well illustrates the prevailing war sentiment pervading young America—at the residence of a citizen well known in business and political services blessed with a number of male heirs, Santa Claus had presented one of the boys with a top trumpet while to the youngest who is described as being as wild as a hawk, "Santa" thoughtlessly presented a very sharp pocket knife. On Christmas evening they engaged in battle. The possessor of the trumpet sounding the call to arms, a spirited engagement followed. The youngest had unnoticed by the others armed himself with his knife and after the smoke of battle had cleared away it was found the oldest leader had received a severe gash in the arm which required the care of a surgeon who dressed and sewed the wound. The knife is now laid away until the young warrior shall have reached years of discretion.

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A New Shoe in Town

E. E. Trim & Co., have accepted the agency for the Puritan shoe and are now busily engaged arranging the stock. Watch for their big ad.

Opera House Bookings

Friday, Dec. 29th, Kelly & Mason.
Tuesday, Jan. 2nd, Brown's in Town.
Thursday Jan. 11th, Belle Archer in "A Contented Woman."
Thursday, Jan. 25th, A Yenuine Gentleman.
Saturday, Feb. 3d, A day and a Night.

John McClintoc, of Ontario, is visiting his brother Robert this week.

D. W. Kelly of THE TELEGRAM is spending the week at Evart and Saginaw.

The L. O. T. M. hive No. 621. (west side) will meet tomorrow night for the election of officers.

Miss Williams, one of the Courtney Morgan Company resigned her position Saturday morning and is now a resident of Ypsilanti.

Miss Belle Archer, now playing "A Contented Woman" at the Lyceum, Detroit, will be at the Ypsilanti Opera House Thursday, Jan. 11th. Several Ypsilantians saw her Christmas day and say it will be one of our best attractions this season.

Maloney's Wedding, one of the really funny farce comedies, will be seen at the opera house Friday evening, Dec. 29, with the monarchs of fun, Kelly and Mason in the star parts. These excellent entertainers have been seen in Ypsilanti before, and the reputation which they so well sustain, will serve to attract one of the largest houses of the season. They are most ably supported by large company of clever artists. People enjoy a hearty laugh and here is the opportunity.

The interest that clusters around a wedding, however lowly, never fails to amuse. The announcement of Widow O'Connor's engagement to Dan Maloney caused great surprise. Most of the neighbors thought that Val Blatz, proprietor of the store on the corner across from Mrs. O'Connor's boarding house, stood the best chance. Blatz could pick and choose among the pretty girls of the neighborhood, for he was a good looking man but what chance had they against the blandishments of a pretty and experienced widow. Get seats for Moloney's Wedding at once. The date is set for Friday evening, Dec. 29.

A LUCKY DINNER.

One of the Boys Eats Oysters
Studded With Pearls.

He now Sports Pearls by the Dozen
and Intends to eat Oysters
Every Day.

All that is necessary to cause a certain well known Ypsilantian to "set 'em up" with princely liberality now days, is the cabalistic phrase—"give us one on the oysters." A few days ago the gentleman in question was in Detroit on business and at about the noon hour dropped into a little restaurant, famous for its appetizing oysters. He was making desperate havoc among the fine fellows before him when he discovered that one of the number was shielding under its luscious body particles of a foreign substance resembling stone. With no thoughts of making a "find", the gentleman carelessly examined the tiny objects, when he saw to his intense surprise that they appeared to be pearls. Hastily finishing the remaining bivalves on his plate the excited and astonished individual made his way to a jewelry establishment and submitted the lot for examination. The objects, 20 in number, and varying from one the size of a small bean to several of almost microscopic dimensions, were pronounced by the man of watches and gems to be genuine pearls, worth \$35. The finder still has them in his possession and says he is inclined to keep them always; but the above is the reason that the subject of "oysters" is a very pleasant one for him.

DENTON.

Claud Dunlap is clerking for Wm. E. Hopkins.

Benjamin Stevens and mother spent Christmas at Wayne.

Mr. Bissell of Ypsilanti called on his brother last Saturday.

August Moss, of Detroit, spent Christmas visiting his parents.

Miss Susie Smith, a pupil in Detroit schools is spending the holidays with her parents.

Mrs. Gerick and daughter Minnie are visiting friends and relatives at Pearl Beach this week.

Mrs. Peter Dusbiber, of Ypsilanti, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Schlicht Christmas.

Many people came to the church early Christmas evening to see the beautifully decorated tree and listen to the pieces spoken by the children. There was a good program and all report an enjoyable time.

REUNION AND ROLL CALL.

The first Baptist church will hold a reunion and roll call next Monday. The services will begin at 2 p.m. with a sermon by Rev. Y. W. Young of Ann Arbor. Roll call will follow the sermon. Annual church supper from 5 to 7 o'clock. The evening service will begin at 8 o'clock.

DR. EDWARD BATWELL

PASSED TO REST.

Deceased was a Distinguished Surgeon and a Man of Broad Culture in Non Professional Lines.

He has been a Resident of Ypsilanti for Many Years and has Won the Universal Respect and Esteem of his Fellow Citizens.

After an illness of several months' duration Dr. Edward Batwell has passed to rest. Dr. Batwell has been for many years one of Ypsilanti's most respected citizens and his death is a matter for public sorrow. He was an authority in matters concerning his profession, was a close student of literature, history and philosophy, and kept constantly in touch with current events. He achieved signal success as a surgeon, performing a number of operations which gained wide notoriety in the surgical annals of the State. Dr. Batwell was possessed of a rare Irish wit and repartee and in his younger days was much sought after as an entertainer. His loss of hearing, gained from his civil war career, hampered him greatly in professional and social life however and tended as years passed on to isolate him from friends and business associates alike. During all the long years of his residence in Michigan no one was found in any way disparage his medical knowledge and skill or to cast the slightest reflections upon his moral or social life. He was a man of liberal and warm heart, and extreme conscientiousness. His loss will be universally mourned.

Dr. Edward Batwell was born in Charleville, Cork County, Ireland, in 1828. He was the son of Andrew Batwell, who was a representative of one of the oldest and most honorable families of that portion of Ireland. At the age of 13 he was taken from school work and apprenticed to an apothecary, with whom he remained 5 years. In 1841 he entered Trinity College, Dublin, becoming a student at the Royal College of Surgeons. He graduated from Trinity in 1849, later graduated from the Royal College of Physicians of London, and became a member of the Royal College of Surgeons, at London. Returning to his village home, he took and successfully passed the examination for admission into the English navy, but in the meantime having become enamored of America from a pleasure trip to that country, he declined a navy appointment when it was tendered him. In 1850, shortly after declining the navy appointment Dr. Batwell removed to Detroit and established a practice. His marked professional ability brought him swift success, and at the outbreak of the war of the Rebellion in '61 he enlisted as surgeon of the Irish Rifles, a popular organization which shortly afterwards was merged into the 14 Michigan Infantry. Dr. Batwell's military career was a very brilliant one, and the close of the war saw him a brigade surgeon, with the rank of Lieut. Col. The honor was very dearly bought, however, as the recoil of a heavy piece of ordnance during an engagement had practically destroyed his hearing. His army successes had won him a wide reputation as a surgeon and on his return to private life he found himself overwhelmed with professional duties. In 1866 he removed to Ypsilanti where without an interruption he has made his home.

Dr. Batwell was married in 1854 to Miss Frances Delano, who died and left him with three children. In 1882 he married Mrs. Mary Carpenter and two children blessed the union. The five children are, Charles Batwell, a book keeper at Kansas City, Edward Batwell, an architect at Ft Townsend, Wash., Mrs. Thomas Stephans, of Galt, Ca., and two young girls, Catherine and Mary.

Dr. Batwell was prominent in the public life of Ypsilanti and vicinity serving for many years as county coroner and city physician and as chief of the fire department, a branch of city administration which he himself founded. He was a Mason, an Odd Fellow and a Knight of the Maccabees, and was a member of the Episcopal church.

The funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon at the residence, at 2:30 o'clock, under the auspices of the G. A. R. and Phoenix and Ypsilanti lodges.

SIX HUNDRED ENTRIES.

The annual exhibition of the Ypsilanti Poultry Association was opened in light guard hall this morning with 519 entries. Several of the largest exhibitions in the association did not have their birds in by that time, and the mark will in consequence be brought up to 600 before night. Sharpe Butterfield of London, Ont., will act as judge and will arrive in the city this evening.

THE JUSTICE COURT TIME.

The Justice sat in his office chair With a flush on his face, and a curl in hair And he smiled as he said in a dignified air "The Justice Court opens at nine."

"And Cassius it's getting cold, by Jove, And the unfeeling look of a half fed stove Remind me that business will have to be drove,

When 'The Justice Court opens at nine.'

And Zina the faithful, and Cassius, and Paine,

Howled a fervent "Amen," again and again,

Ann Arbor.

A dangerous fire at the University hospital yesterday afternoon was narrowly averted. A candle was left burning in the laboratory, and in some way the curtain near it became ignited, after which the woodwork began to burn. The fire department was not summoned, but W. Weidman made a grandstand play with the necessary chemicals. The loss is not very great, although had it not been discovered in time by Mr. Weidman, the result might have been a costly one.

The home of Francis A. Oberst, at 809 Fourth ave. was the scene of a delightful Christmas wedding yesterday afternoon. The contracting parties were Mr. Arthur Woodard and Miss Katherine Oberst. Rev. B. L. McElroy officiated, using the beautiful double ring ceremony. Only the families of the contracting parties and a few of their most intimate friends were present. Mr. and Mrs. Woodard left for Detroit immediately after the ceremony. They will make their home in that city. Miss Oberst by her beautiful sapporo music has been a delight to worshipers at the M. E. church for the past three years, and her removal from this city will make an opening there which will be difficult to fill, after her excellent service. Mr. Woodard occupies a position of trust with the Michigan Telephone Co. in Detroit.—Ann Arbor Times. Miss Oberst was formerly a resident of Ypsilanti and a student of the Normal Conservatory.

A triple fatality nearly came to pass on the Huron river at Ann Arbor Christmas. Miss Mary Redlund, a clerk for Miss Markham, Miss E. Redlund, a senior in the university, and a little girl name Selma Polten, who lives with them, went down to the river to watch the skaters. They ventured too near an unsafe place near the edge. The ice gave way beneath them and all three were precipitated into the cold water. At the point where they broke through, the water reached nearly to the chins of the older girls and was deeper than the height of their young companion. The older girls had great presence of mind and literally threw the little girl upon the ice. Her single weight was easily borne until help came and all were rescued from their very chilly predicament. A hack was hastily summoned and they were removed to their home where all care was given them so that they would not be attacked by a serious cold.

STATE TEACHERS' MEET.

Lansing now Entertaining many Educational Lights.

Much Enthusiasm is Displayed and New members are Being Added to the Association.

The forty-ninth annual meeting of the Michigan State Teachers Association was opened at Lansing yesterday, continued today and will be brought to a conclusion tomorrow. The attendance is large and the gathering is being voted a very successful one. Prof. Charles McKenna, of Mt. Pleasant Normal, is the association president, and his annual address was the principal number on yesterday's program.

Mr. McKenna dealt with the education in its different aspects, and stated that the only means at the command of the nation for the correction and elimination of evils in the individual or in society, is education. Not the shaping of character by means of external pressure as the potter molds the clay, but the direction of the unfolding nature of the child, the formation through proper activities of body and mind and heart, which make our ideal citizenship.

Yet, with all the strong moral force in shaping the life of the young in school, he hoped the time would never come when school and teacher will mean more in the lives of the American youth than home and mother. Second only to the home and in many respects its peer and even its superior, stands the school, which does for the child what no home could do. Here he learns his first great lessons that must battle with through life. It does for the child what no home could do.

Other papers read in the afternoon were by Prof. Austin George, of Ypsilanti, Prof. Laird of the State Normal, and Prof. Ferris of Big Rapids. In the evening Prof. James W. Patterson of the Central Art Institute of Chicago gave an illustrated lecture. Tomorrow the program will be resumed in Representative hall, but after that the meetings will be necessarily somewhat broken up owing to the fact that the legislature will use the hall. Arrangements are being made to have the teachers meet in churches.

It is said that Supt. Hinsdale of Ann Arbor is the only candidate for president of the association this year, and that his election will be unanimous.

FUNERAL OF D. L. MOODY.

Services at the Residence and at the Congregational Church.

East Northfield, Mass., Dec. 27.—In the presence of a multitude every member of which felt a personal loss, the remains of Dwight L. Moody, the evangelist, were laid yesterday in the bosom of the mother earth. Early in the day there were services at the residence for the family, and when those had been concluded the casket was borne by students to the Congregational church, which was crowded with people. Here the body lay in state while a large number of visitors took a last look at the features of the dead.

At the public funeral service the music was rendered by the choir of 150 students. An invocation was followed by the scripture lesson, read by Rev. A. T. Pierson, of Brooklyn. The eulogy was delivered by Rev. C. J. Schofield.

New York, Dec. 27.—Memorial services for Dwight L. Moody, the evangelist, were held yesterday in Cavalry Baptist church simultaneously with the funeral services at Northfield.

HE IS ASKED TO ACCOUNT.

And Failing an Order for His Arrest Has Been Issued.

Milwaukee, Dec. 27.—An order for the arrest of the former sheriff of Milwaukee county, Frederick C. Isenring, was issued yesterday. Isenring completed his term on Jan. 1 last, but up to the present time has not rendered an accounting of the last half year of his incumbency. A writ of mandamus was served upon him recently to render such report and his failure to comply resulted in the order for arrest. Isenring has been prominent in Republican politics in this county for several years and served as chairman of the board of supervisors for one term. Nothing can be stated at this time as to the condition of his official accounts during the latter part of his term.

SENT TO THE COUNTY JAIL.

Chicago Man Who Failed to Appear to Testify When Wanted.

Quincy, Ills., Dec. 27.—Charles Orchardson, of Chicago, is in the county jail here and an explanation of his client's actions is being sought of his attorney, Seymour Stedman, also of Chicago. Orchardson was cited to explain what he did with the money, bonds and notes belonging to the estate of the late Mrs. Minerva Merrick, of which he was executor until removed by order of the court.

He was on the stand all Saturday forenoon. He was to have testified again the same afternoon, but did not appear. Later it was learned that he had taken a train for Chicago and the sheriff telephoned to Galesburg and had him taken from the cars. He was brought back and locked up.

ANOTHER CHRISTMAS TRAGEDY.

Little Girl Burned to Death Under a Christmas Tree.

Green Bay, Wis., Dec. 27.—Eustacia Dreiss, the 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Dreiss of this city, was fatally burned Monday afternoon. She was playing around Christmas tree and her clothes caught fire from the candles. The tree was in the ballroom on the upper floor and the older people were all on the first floor, so that, before the child could be reached and the fire put out, her chest, arms and face were badly burned.

She lived until 1:30 o'clock yesterday morning and then died in terrible agony. The accident happened at the home of J. H. Comstock, manager of the Diamond Match plant, who is her grandfather.

DOESN'T WANT THE ISLANDS.

Germany Will Take Note of the Monroe Doctrine, It Seems.

Berlin, Dec. 27.—The German government has definitely abandoned all idea of acquiring the Danish West Indies, either by purchase from Denmark or otherwise. The correspondent of the Associated Press received this information from an authoritative source yesterday. The German embassy in Washington has felt no doubt that any such attempt would be looked upon by the Americans as an unfriendly act and as a serious infringement of the Monroe doctrine.

According to the same authority the reports representing that Denmark is negotiating to sell the islands to the United States are either premature or without foundation.

ACTIVE WORK AGAINST ROBERTS.

Indianapolis, Dec. 27.—Senator Fairbanks has arrived from Washington. Senator Beveridge is here. The Women's Christian Temperance union of the state of Indiana will send a delegation to both senators, asking them to use their influence for the ousting of the Mormon, Roberts. Anti-Roberts petitions are pouring upon Representatives Landis, whom the W. C. T. U. has suspected of being somewhat friendly to Roberts.

FIRST WHITE BORN IN HAWAII.

Fort Atkinson, Wis., Dec. 27.—Mrs. George H. Stafford, aged 80 years, died here Saturday. Her husband survives her, also two children, Mrs. A. L. P. Loomis, of Windsor, Wis., and Cornelius G. Peck, who is associate editor of the Champaign (Ills.) Daily News. She was the first white child born in the Sandwich islands.

PROMOTION OF A RAILWAY MAN.

Ishpeming, Mich., Dec. 27.—Thomas W. Smith, of this city, has been appointed assistant superintendent of the South Shore line with jurisdiction over trains and stations. Smith has been with the company many years. For the past nine years he has been superintendent of the Ishpeming-Negaunee yards.

SPRINGFIELD'S BUSY WEEK.

Springfield, Ills., Dec. 27.—This week will be the busiest in official circles that Springfield has known since the closing of the last legislature. In addition to the great Republican love feast on Friday nearly every state board on the calendar will meet here between now and the first of the year.

INSTANTLY KILLED BY A TRAIN.

Lafayette, Ind., Dec. 27.—Ewin P. Hammond, Jr., son of E. P. Hammond, of this city, was instantly killed at Roachdale, forty miles south of Lafayette. Young Hammond was assisting a woman to get on a train, when he slipped and fell against the trucks. His skull was crushed.

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LOVE FINDS A WAY.

BY JEANNETTE H. WALWORTH.

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ready made condolences and turned to ready the door. Malvina stopped him with a pleading look.

"Don't go yet, please, Mr. Clarence. It looks as if Providence had sent you here on purpose tonight. I have a favor to ask of you."

"Certainly, anything I can do," he said, politely enough, but he looked a trifle bored. He was not devoid of kindly feelings, but really the "queer old party who had just shuffled off this mortal coil and the unbeautiful spinner upon whom he had intruded in search of Olivia" had never appealed very strongly to the aesthetic side of him.

Miss Malvina stood with her hands resting reverently on the big Bible. He hoped she was not going to ask him to read a portion of Scripture with her.

That would be too much for his nerves. As it direct contact with the book had brought strength to her, Miss Malvina suddenly lost all that timid nervousness which possessed her whenever she came in contact with this elegant, rather haughty young fellow, who made her "feel like a milkmaid for clumsiness." This man as Olivia's affianced husband and the owner of Broxton Hall had a much better right than she had to know about that particular paper. She entered abruptly upon the task she had set herself.

"I don't know that you ever heard of it, Mr. Clarence, but my poor mother had a mania."

"Spare yourself, Miss Spillman. I heard every word she said to Mr. Matthews last night."

"About—about—some papers and things?"

"Yes, poor old lady! She was really unsparing, dreadfully caustic. But of course it went for nothing. We all knew, don't you know?"

Miss Malvina flung back the lid of the big Bible and revealed the papers.

"There are the papers my mother spoke about."

In life she had helped the world to cast discredit upon her mother. To shield Horace Matthews she had put at naught her mother's words. In death she would make reparation, so far as was possible. Westover turned an uncomprehending stare from the old papers to the plain, twitching face upon which the lamp cast uncanny shades.

"So then there were some hidden documents. Any importance, do you suppose?"

"I think so. There are the inventories of the jewels and the plate which, I suppose are—oh, well, what do I know about any of it? I do want you to read just that one short paper, Mr. Westover."

She handed to him the slip of paper over which she had pored in growing perplexity for half an hour before his coming. She watched him while he read it, and she knew from the quick mounting of the hot blood to his temples that she had not overestimated its importance. He looked up at her presently with knitted brows.

"By Jove! And this was among the papers that Matthews allowed to be lost?"

"I don't know that we ought to say that he allowed it to be lost." You see, Mr. Westover, it was my fault that his horse shied and made him drop his bag just outside our gate. How mother ever got hold of them is one of the mysteries that can never be solved now. It was only when that poor, unhappy child came here begging me to search for them that I did it just to quiet her."

Westover made it clearer. "She said something the other night about Jim Martin finding them and her purpose keeping you in the dark for fear you would give the papers she wanted Broxton to have to Mr. Matthews."

"Which is just what I should have done, just what I shall do as soon as he gets better."

"That is what he will never do," said Westover gravely. "Goyan gives him only a few days more."

"Dear Lord! And that poor child!" "Will not be left entirely without friends," said Ollie's lover stiffly.

"Oh, I know it! I know that she is just as fond of you as can be. But about these papers. What am I to do? I don't even know where Tom Broxton is."

"Neither do I. But this paper—he was folding the oldest sheet of writing into compact shape—"concerns my father as purchaser of Broxton Hall more nearly than it does any one else just at present. I should like to show it to him. Miss Malvina."

Miss Malvina looked wistfully from the pile of papers to the young man. Westover interpreted the look promptly.

"You are afraid you are not doing the right thing by your friend, Mr. Broxton. I respect your anxiety and pledge you my word of honor as a gentleman that his interests shall not suffer in my hands. How such a weighty paper as this should have been left to mischance it is useless to conjecture now. Mr. Matthews is done with all worldly cares and responsibilities. I simply ask you to lend me this paper long enough to show it to my father. It is genuine, his title to Broxton Hall is not worth the paper it is written on."

Malvina locked her thin fingers nervously about each other. "I was just

thinking that for Ollie's sake and Tom's sake!"

"May I take this paper?" Westover rose with it in his hands.

"Why, yes. It don't belong to me, does it?"

"By right of discovery, in the present mixed state of affairs, I suppose you could hold on to it. Possession is nine points of the law. But—here such a winning smile broke over the young fellow's handsome face that Miss Malvina forgave Ollie's infatuation for him—if I promise you that no use shall be made of it that does not take Tom Broxton's best interests into consideration will you trust me with it and believe in me?"

"I trust in you, and I believe in you," said Miss Malvina, holding out a rati-fying hand. "And the inventories—what shall I do with them? There is a catalogue of paintings, too, and—"

Westover waved the proffered papers back.

"With them the Westovers have nothing to do. Keep them, or send them to Broxton, rather. They have belonged to him ever since he came of age. Perhaps you might hold on to them until—"

He left the sentence unfinished. Miss Malvina knew that he meant until Horace Matthews should be beyond the fret and worry of all things.

"Ah, well, just as you choose about the rest of the papers! I thought maybe you could talk them all over with Tom. Dear me! These inventories stand for inexhaustible wealth to me. What an extravagant fellow our dear Tom must have been as a college boy!"

"College boys are not an ascetic class, as I know, said Clarence and with it "good night."

Miss Malvina sat where he had left her a long time. She found the papers describing Thomas' departed glories intensely interesting reading. "Poor old mother! She had been right all the way through, even to the description of Lucetta Broxton's necklace." She laid her hands upon the package of papers and sighed.

"In spite of all this, Thomas Broxton is a pauper. The Hall could not be sold, but it is sold. How do men manage to blunder so?"

Not yet was her loyal soul ready to indorse her mother's worst suspicions of Horace Matthews' stewardship.

CHAPTER XVI.

A DYING FATHER'S COMMAND.

"He is wanting to see you."

"Father?"

"Who else?"

Never conspicuous for suavity, loss of rest and the universal upheaval of his long established routine had brought old Reuben to a pitch of surly bordering on bearishness. Dr. Govan's severe reprimand for his deseration of his post the night before added the last drop of bitterness to his cup, and it overflowed upon poor little Ollie's unoffending head.

On his return from the Spillman cottage Clarence Westover had come in for a share of the old man's accumulated acrimony, after which he had mounted his horse and ridden home in a frame of mind scarcely less cynical than Reuben's own. Said the old servitor:

"There ain't a mite of common sense in your going all to pieces about that child. I've been knowing her ever since she was big enough to be strapped into a baby carriage, which she generally was trying to kick all to pieces like an unbroken colt. If anybody crossed her, she would just go off and hide. Many a bad scare has she given us all, just to wind up by walking in as smiling as a May morning and laughing at us for the pack of fools we undoubtedly was. She is hidden somewhere about the house now. She won't turn up smiling this time, but you may as well stop worrying about her."

Westover looked searching into the old man's face. He would much prefer to think that "that old hog's" arraignment of Olivia's father had been heard by no outsider but himself. As he was going to Marry Horace Matthews' daughter he should like the name to be kept as clean as possible. With the paper which Miss Malvina had confided to his care resting in his pocket he was in a combative mood. He owed it to himself to see that the local gossip mill was supplied with no more grist.

"Who has crossed her this time?" he asked sharply.

"I'm not saying anybody has, sir. I was just telling you what her custom was. I guess she's gone off to have a cry where nobody can hear her. Dr. Govan don't give the old man much of a show."

"But Miss Matthews has not been told that?"

"No, sir; no; but she is mighty sharp at forming her own conclusions. She is mighty fretted over being kept out of the old man's room. I don't see into that myself. I should think, as fond as he is of her, he couldn't keep her close enough for the little time that's left. But the old man always had his own way of doing things."

"And you have searched the house all over, Reuben?"

"All over, sir, but that don't prove anything. There ain't but two places